## **REMARKS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated Dec. 14, 2006. By said Office Action, claims 1 - 11 were allowed. Claims 12 - 15 were rejected on grounds of 35 USC 102(b).

By this Amendment, the Applicant acknowledges Examiner's allowance of claims 1 - 11. Claims 12 - 15 are cancelled herewith.

In view of the foregoing, by this Amendment, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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